

### **AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 4, please replace lines 22-32 with the following amended paragraph.

A golden layer 41 having at least some elemental gold as a constituent of the layer comprises the outmost layer. The golden layer 41 may be disposed on a gear base surface 12. A chromium outmost layer 31 may be disposed on the gear base surface 44 of the second gear 14 in the gear couple. The chromium layer 31 includes at least the element chromium. Both the golden layer 41 and chromium layer 31 may be coated onto the gears using a variety of methods. For example, the layers may be deposited using electrical, mechanical and chemical means well known in the art. The layers may be formed so as to create a uniform or varied thickness on surfaces of the gears. For example the golden layer 41 may be formed to a substantially uniform thickness of 0.005mm over the surface of the gear 21.